

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING PATRICIA SPOONHEIM

HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. GIANFORTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a Montana musician known and loved by hundreds of thousands of fans in Montana and across the world.

That's no exaggeration, because she has played in one iconic Montana establishment for 55 years.

Patricia Spoonheim, better known as Piano Pat, began playing keyboards at the Sip 'n Dip Lounge in Great Falls in 1963. Travel publications acclaim the Sip 'n Dip as a "must see" in Montana, and Piano Pat is one of the reasons.

Pat was born and raised along Montana's Hi-Line in the 1930s. Even during harsh winters, Pat's mother would drive her over 80 miles roundtrip for piano lessons. She began playing professionally at the age of 14.

Pat worked multiple jobs and played several nights a week to support her family. Now into her 80s, Piano Pat still enjoys what she does. She teaches her grandchildren piano and continues to work nights at the Sip 'n Dip. The one song she says she particularly loves performing is "Try a Little Tenderness."

Television networks and national publications have profiled Piano Pat. A cable television channel recently featured her to represent Montana in a series titled "Her America: 50 Women, 50 States."

Her music and spirit have entertained countless Montanans and visitors from across the globe. It is my honor to recognize Patricia Spoonheim for entertaining patrons of the Sip 'n Dip and for representing our Montana way of life.

CONGRATULATING ECOLAB, INC. ON WINNING THE WORLD ENVIRONMENT CENTER'S 34TH ANNUAL GOLD MEDAL AWARD

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ecolab, Inc. on winning the World Environment Center's (WEC) 34th Annual Gold Medal Award. The WEC Gold Medal is one of the most prestigious forms of recognition for commitment to the practice of sustainable development.

This week, Doug Baker, the chairman and CEO of Ecolab, Inc., will receive on behalf of the company the WEC's Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development. Ecolab, Inc. was selected because of its commitment to global water conservation, and its development of tools that

demonstrate the value of water and reveal water-related risks so customers can make better informed decisions. Together, these innovations are helping customers improve water and energy use while preserving natural resources. Notably, the company helped customers conserve 171 billion gallons of water in 2017, and aims for 300 billion gallons of water conserved annually by 2030.

Ecolab, Inc. is an international leader in advancing global water stewardship through partnerships aimed at conserving natural resources. Ecolab, Inc. partners with non-governmental organizations, such as the World Wildlife Fund and The Nature Conservancy to help advance water conservation and stewardship initiatives throughout the world. Ecolab, Inc. has also demonstrated international leadership as a founding partner of the Alliance for Water Stewardship's Water Stewardship Standard, a globally consistent and locally adaptable framework to inform decisions and to promote sustainable freshwater use.

Mr. Speaker and distinguished colleagues, please join me in celebrating this special occasion and congratulating Ecolab, Inc. on winning the WEC's Gold Medal for International Corporate Achievement in Sustainable Development.

RECOGNIZING RABBI STEPHEN HART

HON. BRADLEY SCOTT SCHNEIDER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my friend and a pillar in our community, Rabbi Stephen Hart. Rabbi Hart is retiring from his position as senior Rabbi after 25 years of dedicated and distinguished service to Temple Chai in Long Grove, Illinois.

Stephen Hart was born and raised in Chicago where he attended Sinai Congregation in Hyde Park. He spent his young summers at Olin Sang Ruby Union Institute camp, building on the Jewish identity established by his family.

After completing his undergraduate degree at Spertus College, he pursued his Rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College. He initially served as a rabbi at North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe for six years before joining Temple Chai.

Over the course of his quarter century with Temple Chai, Rabbi Hart has nurtured an inclusive community that celebrates the full cycle of Jewish life and inspires lifelong learning, community service and a love of Israel. He has served his congregation, and indeed our broader local community with distinction, leading by example through his keen understanding of Jewish values and dedication to active outreach and youth engagement.

Rabbi Hart has long been dedicated to community outreach. Early in his career, while at North Shore Congregation Israel, he helped

develop the nationally-recognized "Stepping Stones to a Jewish Me" program, intended to help children of interfaith marriages understand the faith of their Jewish parent. Rabbi Hart has also been a leader in the national Jewish community, serving on the National Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Union for Reform Judaism. Rabbi Hart also serves on the Executive Committee of the Chicago Association of Reform Rabbis.

A resident of Buffalo Grove, Rabbi Hart is married to his wife, Mendy and together are the proud parents of two daughters, Lani and Dena.

I want to thank Rabbi Hart for 25 years of committed service, dedicated leadership, vision and passion. On behalf of Illinois' Tenth Congressional District, I wish Rabbi Hart the very best in his well-deserved retirement with family and friends.

LAKE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great respect that I take this time to congratulate Lake County Parks and Recreation, as the organization celebrates its 50th anniversary. For half a century, the parks department has enhanced the lives of the residents and visitors of Northwest Indiana. In recognition of this milestone, the organization will be celebrating with numerous programs and events throughout 2018.

On June 1, 1968, Lake County Parks and Recreation was created by the Lake County Council. Back then, the department was working with nothing more than a dirt road running through two-hundred acres of land. However, the group's leaders, members, and volunteers had a vision for Lake County Parks and Recreation to provide a place for residents and guests to enjoy nature, host family gatherings, ride their bikes, accommodate children's activities, and conserve land.

Throughout the years, Lake County Parks and Recreation has surpassed its goals and exceeded its expectations, and it continues to progress. Today, Lake County maintains eleven parks and has preserved thousands of acres of open space, natural areas, historic sites, and trails. Due to the hard work and dedication of its numerous employees, volunteers, and elected officials, the department has exceeded all expectations. With over one million people visiting the park sites yearly, the organization truly adds to the quality of life in Northwest Indiana.

Lake County Parks and Recreation is recognized by the State of Indiana as being a progressive department. The organization provides numerous innovative educational and cultural programs for children and adults. In

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